



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

16th April 2026

725,185 Visitors

as of 15th April 2026

-2.6% Increase

compared to the same period of 2025

67,823 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,111 were resort beds

Key Markets

China (14.9%), Russia (12.7%), United Kingdom (9.6%), Italy (8.6%), Germany (6.9%), and India (4.4%)

Major Highlights

New Minister Appointed as Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation

First Batch of First Aid Training Programme Completed



2024 **2,074,442**

Total Visitors as at year-end

2,046,615 Tourists
15,610 Business Arrivals
12,217 Cruise Passengers

2025 **2,275,088**

Total Visitors as at year-end

2,246,516 Tourists
20,309 Business Arrivals
8,263 Cruise Passengers

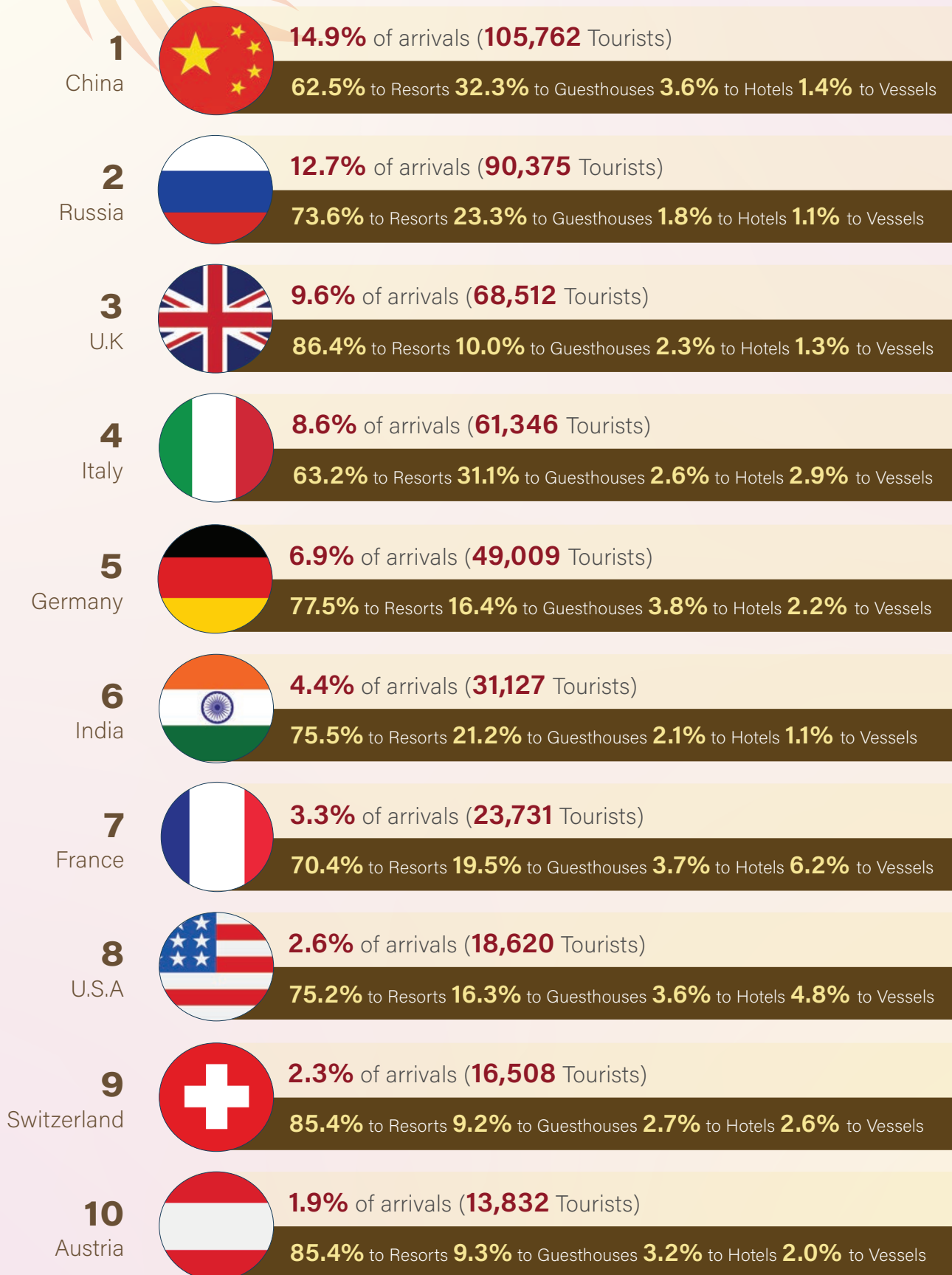
International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 15th Apr 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr (1-15th)	Total (as of 15th Apr)	Daily Average
2024 Total Visitors	195,143	218,631	197,047	89,865	700,686	6,673
Tourists	192,385	217,392	194,227	89,865	693,869	6,608
Business Arrivals	960	1,086	1,034	n/a	3,080	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,798	153	1,786	n/a	3,737	n/a
2025 Total Visitors	216,544	216,309	207,707	104,357	744,917	7,094
Tourists	214,863	204,091	203,468	104,357	736,779	7,017
Business Arrivals	1,465	1,606	1,314	n/a	4,385	n/a
Cruise Passengers	216	612	2,925	n/a	3,753	n/a
2026 Total Visitors	227,403	254,556	166,616	76,610	725,185	6,907
Tourists	224,788	247,722	161,259	76,610	710,379	6,766
Business Arrivals	1,550	1,597	1,308	n/a	4,455	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,065	5,237	4,049	n/a	10,351	n/a
Growth % (2026/2025)	5.0	17.7	-19.8	-26.6	-2.6	-

Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 15th Apr 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 15th Apr 2026

Resorts



491,704
Tourists
69.2%
of total arrivals

Guesthouses



182,608
Tourists
25.7%
of total arrivals

Hotels



19,718
Tourists
2.8%
of total arrivals

Vessels



15,420
Tourists
2.2%
of total arrivals

Total Visitors by Port of Entry

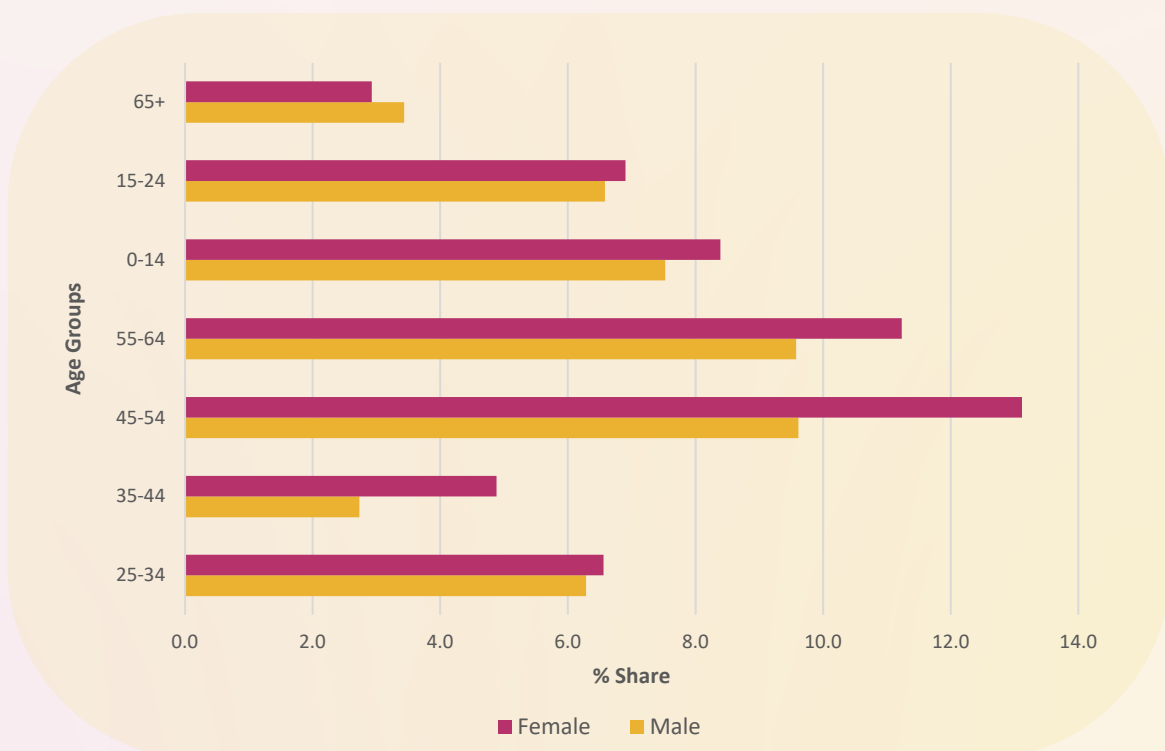
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Airports		Arrivals	Share
	Velana International Airport	705,540	97.3%
	Hanimaadhoo International Airport	1,697	0.2%
	Maafaru International Airport	2,721	0.4%
	Gan International Airport	2,971	0.4%
	Villa International Airport Maamigili	1,309	0.2%
	Dhaalu Airport	596	0.1%
Sea Ports		Arrivals	Share
	All	10,351	1.4%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 15th Apr 2026



Tourist Accommodation



Total Capacity

As of 15th Apr 2026

98.6%
of the beds were in
Operation

(as of 15th Apr 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	46,097
Guesthouses	935	16,593
Hotels	16	2,612
Tourist Vessels	172	3,507
Total (As of 15th Apr)	1,309	68,809

Capacity in Operation

As of 15th Apr 2026



Resorts

67%

of total bed capacity in **19 atolls**
180 resorts/islands with **45,111** beds



Guesthouses

24%

of total bed capacity
in **114 islands** of **20 atolls**
935 guesthouses with **16,593** beds



Hotels

4%

of total bed capacity
in **9 islands** of **8 atolls**
16 hotels with **2,612** beds



Vessels

5%

of total bed capacity
172 tourist vessels with **3,507** beds

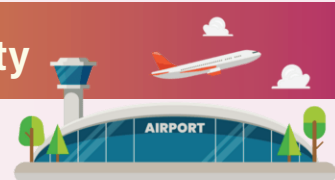


Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

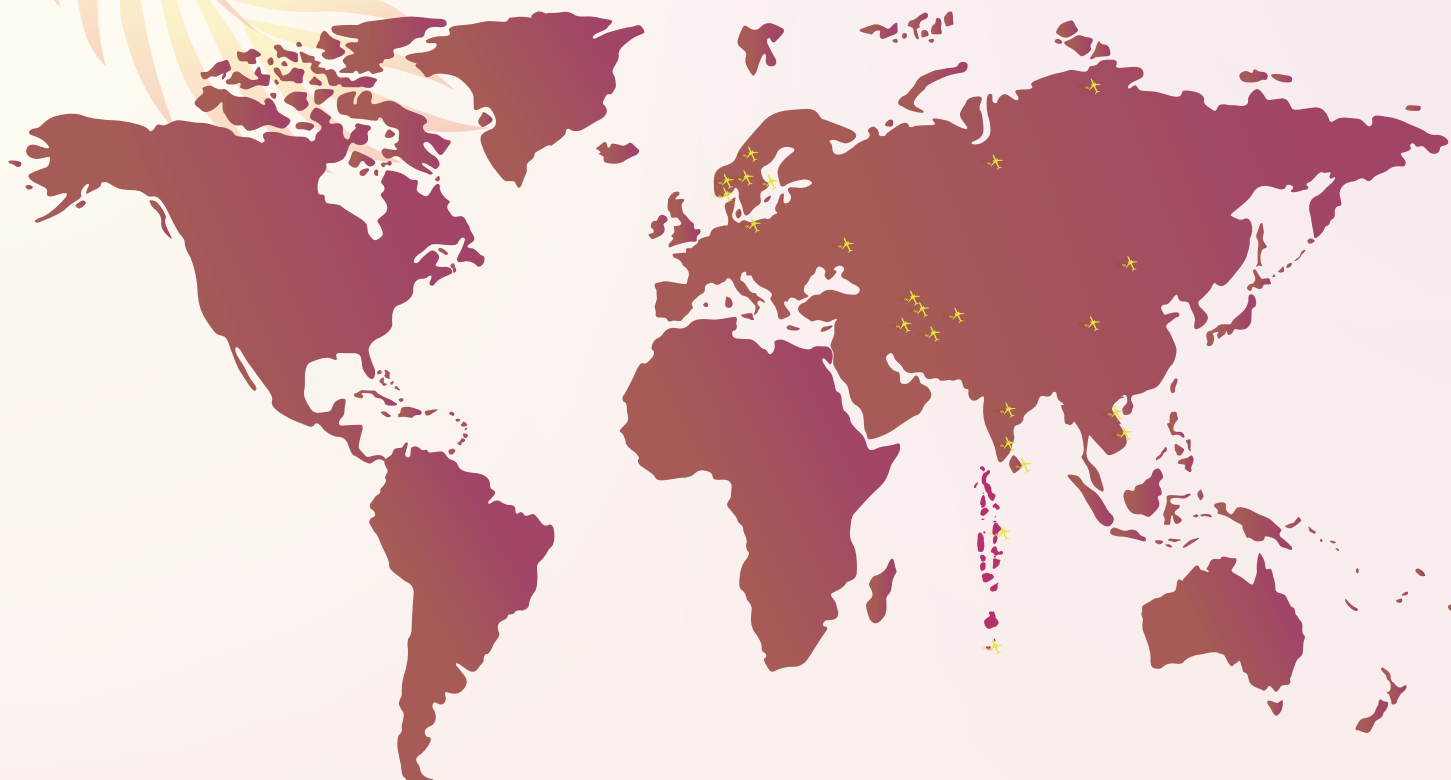
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Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	5,380	730	448		282
Haa Dhaalu	2,268	392	162	104	126
Shaviyani	5,657	516	444		72
Noonu	30,112	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	53,588	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	41,285	4,870	3,442	150	1,278
Lhaviyani	31,638	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	307,808	25,136	15,650	1,604	7,882
Alifu Alifu	55,775	4,937	2,518		2,419
Alifu Dhaalu	64,148	6,276	4,306	102	1,868
Vaavu	23,442	1,644	794	52	798
Meemu	6,202	686	614		72
Faafu	2,115	346	250		96
Dhaalu	28,906	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,389	290	152		138
Laamu	3,197	500	360		140
Gaafu Alifu	13,298	1,589	1,301	144	144
Gaafu Dhaalu	6,773	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	3,760	378			378
Seenu	7,286	1,286	824	156	306
Total	694,029	64,316	45,111	2,612	16,593



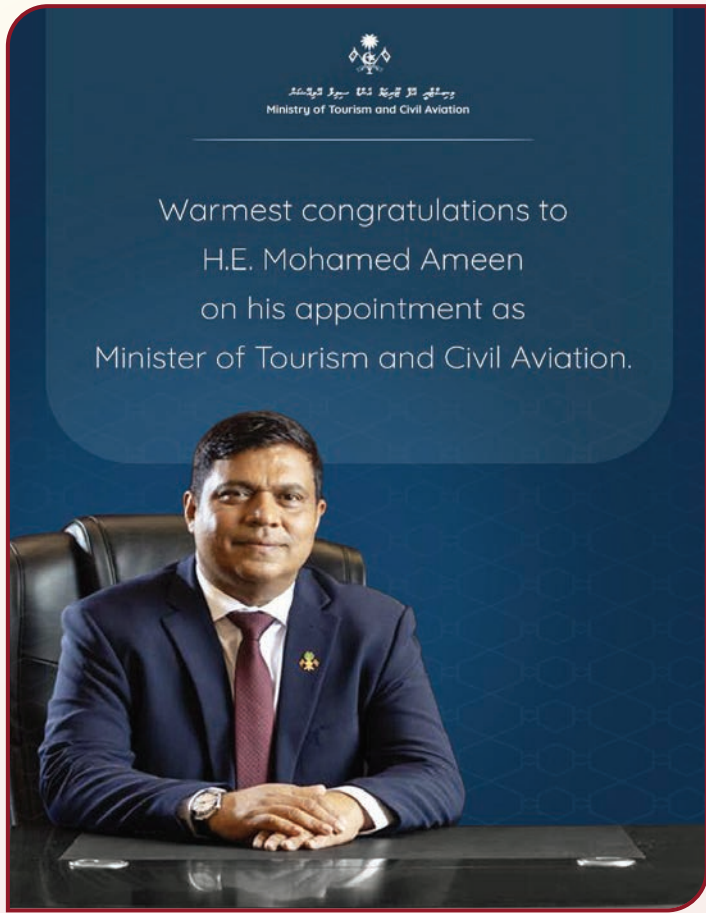
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AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT		21	19,886	CONDOR		11	6,820	SAUDIA		7	3,653
AIR ARABIA		-	159	EDELWEISS		6	4,162	SICHUAN AIRLINES		3	1,067
AIR ASIA		24	7,559	EMIRATES		20	6,810	SINGAPORE AIRLINES		25	13,524
AIR ASIA THAILAND		12	3,523	ETIHAD AIRWAYS		16	2,940	SMARTWINGS		2	6
AIR ASTANA		10	4,399	EUROWINGS		5	2,488	SRILANKAN AIRLINES		29	18,966
AIR INDIA		14	4,535	FITS AIR		16	3,644	TURKISH AIRLINES		17	11,596
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES		9	7,349	FLY DUBAI		9	1,105	US BANGLA AIRLINES		9	3,386
AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES		5	1,688	HISKY EUROPE		2	589	VIRGIN ATLANTIC		12	7,368
AZUR AIR		5	928	HONG KONG AIRLINES		-	236	<i>Note: Air Arabia, Hong Kong Airlines & Icelandair operated 1 flight each in March 2026</i>			
BANGKOK AIRWAYS		7	1,130	ICELANDAIR		-	64				
BATIK AIR		10	2,678	INDIGO		50	13,314				
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES		3	1,584	ITA AIRWAYS		5	3,551				
BEOND		13	685	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES		18	5,771				
BRITISH AIRWAYS		12	7,171	MALDIVIAN		24	6,306				
CENTRUM AIR		3	415	NEOS		8	5,120				
CHINA EASTERN		12	4,278	QATAR AIRWAYS		2	308				
CHONGQING AIRLINES		5	1,641	SAN MARINO EXECUTIVE AVIATION SRL		1	267				



Mohamed Ameen Appointed as the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation



President Dr Mohamed Muizzu has appointed Mohamed Ameen as the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation on Tuesday, 14 April 2026.

The appointment follows the resignation of Thoriq Ibrahim, who previously served as Minister of Tourism and Environment, and forms part of a broader government reshuffle.

Prior to this appointment, Ameen served as Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in the current administration. With his new role, he assumes responsibility for both the tourism and civil aviation portfolios, both central to the Maldives' economy.

A Farewell Note to Minister Thoriq Ibrahim



With heartfelt appreciation, the staff of Ministry of Tourism and Environment extend sincere gratitude to Hon. Minister Thoriq Ibrahim for his dedicated service and leadership at the Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

Throughout his tenure, his commitment to advancing the Maldives' tourism sector and strengthening environmental stewardship has left a meaningful and lasting impact. His guidance, vision, and tireless efforts have contributed significantly to the progress of the industry and the sustainability of our natural heritage.

Thank you and wishing you continued success for future endeavors.



Industry Consultation on External Geopolitical Developments



The Minister of Tourism and Environment met with the Maldives Association of Tourism Industry and leading fuel suppliers on 9 April to discuss the impact of the Middle East situation on the Maldives.

The meeting facilitated the exchange of views and provided an opportunity to address key concerns raised by stakeholders.



Completion of First Batch of First Aid Training Programme



The closing ceremony and certificate handover for the first batch of the Standard First Aid Training Program was held today at the headquarters of the Maldivian Red Crescent in Hulhumalé. A total of 22 participants successfully completed the training.



Speaking at the ceremony, State Minister Nashath Rasheed highlighted the importance of continuously applying and strengthening the knowledge and skills gained over the three-day programme, both in professional settings and in daily life.



7th Edition of Vacations Expo Officially Launched



The Minister of Tourism and Environment inaugurated the 7th edition of the Vacations Expo on Thursday, 9 April 2026, at Hulhumalé Central Park.

The Vacations Expo is a premier travel, tourism, and hospitality exhibition held in the Maldives, running from 9–11 April 2026. This event brings together resorts, airlines, travel agencies, and other industry stakeholders to showcase exclusive offers, adventure activities, and a range of travel services to visitors.



Tatabye Tours successfully hosts its 4 city Maldives roadshow across Western India



Tatabye Tours has concluded its second Maldives roadshow in India, expanding its outreach across Western India with events held in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, and Pune between 31 March and 4 April 2026. Endorsed by Visit Maldives, the four-city roadshow brought together over 520 travel professionals and 25 Maldives resorts, strengthening engagement with the Indian travel trade.

The roadshow was inaugurated in Ahmedabad by High Commissioner of the Maldives to India, H.E. Aishath Azeema, highlighting the importance of India as a key source market and reinforcing bilateral tourism ties. The events featured B2B networking sessions, presentations, and direct engagement between travel agents and resort partners across leisure, luxury, weddings, and MICE segments.

Organised by Tatabye Tours, the initiative aimed to further position the Maldives as a preferred luxury destination among Indian travellers, with strong participation reflecting growing demand for island tourism experiences. The company is expected to expand similar roadshows to other regions in India following the success of this edition.

NHGAM Concludes “I AM Maldives” Southeast Asia Roadshow in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur



The National Hotels and Guesthouse Association of Maldives (NHGAM), in collaboration with Visit Maldives and Maldives Association of Travel Agents and Tour Operators (MATATO), has successfully launched and concluded the “I AM Maldives Southeast Asia Roadshow” in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur on 13 and 15 April 2026. The initiative brought together over 20 Maldivian tourism companies and more than 120 travel trade professionals across both markets.



The roadshow showcased the diversity of Maldivian tourism, including guesthouses, resorts, hotels, and travel agencies, with a strong focus on promoting community-based tourism alongside luxury and sustainable travel offerings. The events featured B2B networking sessions and presentations aimed at strengthening partnerships with key industry stakeholders in the region.



NHGAM highlighted the growing potential of Southeast Asia as a source market, while Visit Maldives underscored the strategic importance of expanding the Maldives’ presence in Hong Kong and Malaysia. The initiative forms part of the ongoing “I AM Maldives” global outreach programme, aimed at strengthening market linkages and enhancing the Maldives’ visibility in emerging Asian travel markets.

OCEANMAN Maldives 2026 Kicks Off in Maafushi with Record Participation



OCEANMAN Maldives 2026 officially commenced in K. Maafushi, bringing together 532 swimmers from 40 countries, marking a new milestone for sports tourism in the Maldives. The event has been recognized in the Maldives Book of Records for hosting the largest international participation in a sporting event in the country.

Of the total participants, 385 are international athletes and 147 are Maldivians, with India forming the largest foreign delegation. The opening ceremony was attended by the Minister of Sports, Fitness, and Recreation, Abdulla Rafiu, who highlighted the event's role in advancing sports tourism in the Maldives.



The competition features multiple race categories, including a 10-kilometre endurance swim, alongside 5-kilometre and 2-kilometre races, as well as OceanFins, OceanKids, and relay events. Organised by Swim Maldives under the OCEANMAN Global franchise and endorsed by Visit Maldives, the three-day event reinforces the Maldives' positioning as an emerging destination for international sports tourism.



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